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Hello, everyone. Welcome to February. If you're a football fan, like me, the Superbowl is this Sunday. I'm not really a fan of either team, but I think it is Indianapolis' time to shine this year. I'm looking forward to getting together with a group of friends for our 21st annual Superbowl party. Of course, it's all about... THE FOOD!

You'll note this month that I have decided to drop the Monthly Survey. Last month's survey question generated exactly ONE response, from over 1000 subscribers! Thanks to everyone who participated in the past.

The 2007 hamfest/fleamarket season kicks off this month. You'll find listings of upcoming events each month in the Newsletter. Radio HF will be participating in two events in the Montreal region in March. I will also be attending the 20th annual Winter SWL Festival in Kulpsville, Pennsylvania. If you're attending any of these events, please drop by the Radio HF exhibit and say hello.

Remember that February 14th is Valentine's Day. Be sure to do something extra special for someone special in your life. You should try to do that everyday, but it's more or less expected on the 14th!

The Monthly Special Zone for February features Black History Month, Groundhog Day, Darwin Day and, of course, Valentine's Day.

Have a great month and please consider sending along a link or two to share with your fellow subscribers.

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THE MONTHLY SURVEY

LAST MONTH'S SURVEY

"Who is your choice for Person of the Year for 2006"?

We had only one response to this survey question. The vote was for Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY -

Well, I think this survey thing has probably run its course. It's time to put it to rest, at least for a while. With a simple question like choosing a person of the year for 2006, and only receiving one response from well over 1000 subscribers, it is obvious that there is little interest in the survey questions. So, we'll drop it for now. If you really miss it, then let me know. Thanks to those who have participated in the past.

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

Rene Paquin, Waterloo, Ontario: I really enjoy your newsletter and I always look forward to it at the start of the month.

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

9 contributors this month, including myself. Thanks for your input.

Kevin Carey, West Bloomfield, New York
Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Mickey Delmage, Sherwood Park, Alberta
Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Don Moman, Lamont, Alberta
Rene Paquin, Waterloo, Ontario
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Alex Vegh, Beaconsfield, Quebec

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

SAINT VALENTINE OF ROME

http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/saintv06.htm

From the Patron Saints website we learn more about Saint Valentine.

WIKIPEDIA: VALENTINE'S DAY

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Valentine's_Day

From the on-line encyclopedia we learn about the origin, history and other related information about Valentine's Day.

DARWIN DAY

http://www.darwinday.org/

Darwin's 200th Birthday will occur on February 12, 2009; it will also be the 150th Anniversary of the publication of his famous book, On the Origin of Species. The objective of Darwin Day Celebration is to encourage existing institutions worldwide, such as municipalities, public and private schools, colleges and universities, libraries, museums, churches, private organizations and individuals to celebrate Science and Humanity every year, on, or near, February 12, Darwin's birthday!

BLACK HISTORY

http://www.blackhistory.com/

Black History Month's 2007 theme is dedicated to the struggles of peoples of African descent to achieve freedom and equality in the Americas during the age of emancipation.

GROUNDHOG DAY

http://www.groundhog.org/

This is the official Groundhog Day page of the Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania Groundhog Club!

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THE FEBRUARY ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia.
The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day.

Here is the link for the month of February.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/February

Also, here are some special days in February:

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

National Bird Feeding Month
National Black History Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

14-21 National Condom Week
26 - Mar. 4 National Pancake Week

SPECIAL DAYS

2 Groundhog Day
8 Boy Scout Day
12 Darwin Day
14 St. Valentine's Day
18 Chinese New Year
Feb. 19 Mar. 21 Orthodox Lent
21 - Ash Wednesday

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

28 National Tooth Fairy Day
29 Bachelor's Day
Source: Chase's Calendar of Events 2006

VIA

http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/February_2007.htm

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

CUBEX QUAD ANTENNAS

Radio HF is pleased to be the exclusive Canadian distributor for Cubex Quad antennas. Cubex has been a major distributor of quad antennas for HF, VHF, UHF and CB radio for close to 50 years. CUBEX is currently the only manufacturer offering a choice of premium MK SERIES, PRE-TUNED QUADS, the "do-it-yourself" SKYMASTER KIT series, and a new lower cost EXPO series of full size antennas.

To see all the Cubex quad antenna products, please visit their website at:

http://www.cubex.com/

For Canadian pricing and availability all Cubex Quad Antenna products, please contact Radio HF.

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THE RADIO ZONE

WORLDWIDE DX CLUB

http://www.wwdxc.de/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

WORLDWIDE DX CLUB is a non-political DX organization, founded in 1966. Its aims are to strengthen this fascinating and scientific hobby as well as the international DX movement for better

understanding and friendship among nations. Be sure to check out the weekly "Top News" column on the site for the latest compiled by Wolfgang Büschel.

RADIO WEST

http://www.radiowest.ca/

VIA Mickey Delmage, Sherwood Park, Alberta

This page is dedicated to the AM & FM radio scene in western Canada and the north-western United States.

MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS MUSEUM

http://www.c-and-e-museum.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This wonderful museum, located on the Canadian Forces Base grounds in Kingston, Ontario, is a great place to visit, particularly if you have an interest in radio and communications. This site is available in both English and French.

JIM HAWKINS' NSS NAVAL RADIO TRANSMITTING FACILITY PAGE

http://hawkins.pair.com/nss.shtml

VIA Alex Vegh, Beaconsfield, Quebec

This webpage is a technical discussion and tour of the NSS site an April 18, 1998, which was coordinated by John Cummings, N3CZE, with the transmitter facility staff. In simple words, NSS was a high powered, Very Low Frequency (VLF) transmitting facility which provided a means of reliable communications for the command, operational control, and administration of the Naval establishment ashore and afloat (and submarines 65' below water surface), as may be directed by the Commanding officer. There is no voice transmission. Instead, communications is accomplished using a code to modulate the transmitter's frequency (FSK). The Very low frequencies used allowed underwater communications.

THE ORIGINS OF HAM SPEAK

http://www.ac6v.com/73.htm

VIA Kevin Carey, West Bloomfield, New York

What I thought was interesting about this site is that it gives many possible explanations for the origin of ham terminology and lets the reader decide which version is most credible. It's interesting to see how the origins of many radio terms have been lost to history, including the word "ham" itself!

CODE PRACTICE OSCILLATOR MUSEUM

http://www.n4mw.com/cpo.htm

VIA Kevin Carey, West Bloomfield, New York

This site shows dozens of code oscillators that many of us used while studying for that first ham radio license.

TELEVISION ARCHIVING

http://www.archival.tv/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Television remains the most powerful medium in our culture, but we have almost no memory for it: it is a transient, ephemeral, and therefore unaccountable medium. This site exists to accelerate the transformation of television into a medium that has a history, one that is permanently preserved, searchable, and accessible.

BRITISH TV HISTORY

http://www.tvhistory.btinternet.co.uk/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Welcome to British TV History, which concentrates on historic broadcasts, timelines, archive issues and TV technology, from the earliest days of mechanical television to today's digital broadcasts.

HALLIKAINEN'S BROADCAST HISTORY

http://sujan.hallikainen.org/BroadcastHistory/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Get ready to spend some time on this site! These pages are dedicated to preserving a historical record of broadcast equipment. This site consists of scanned manuals and catalogs of broadcast equipment. There are hundreds of links on related subjects available through this page.

20TH ANNUAL WINTER SWL FESTIVAL

http://www.swlfest.com/

VIA Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania

This convention is the largest gathering of listeners to the radio spectrum longwave, mediumwave, shortwave (broadcast, utilities, pirates), VHF/UHF, FM, scanners, television and satellites in the United States, perhaps the world. The extended, 20th anniversary edition will be taking place in Kulpsville, Pennsylvania, March 8 to 10, 2007.
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Radio HF is very pleased to be able to offer the line of Tennadyne Antenna products to our Canadian customers.

Since 1986 TENNADYNE has specialized in the design and manufacture of the broad-band Log-Periodic Dipole Array antenna, from 1.8 MHz to 3.0 GHZ, supplying these antennas to Commercial, Military and Amateur Radio (since 1990) interests worldwide. The Pakistan Army has exclusively used TENNADYNE Antennas for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Somalia, Bosnia, Haiti and Western Sahara.

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http://www.tennadyne.com/

For details on Canadian pricing and availability of Tennadyne Antennas, please contact Radio HF.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

INTERNET ARCHIVE

http://www.archive.org/index.php

VIA Rene Paquin, Waterloo, Ontario

The Internet Archive is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that was founded to build an Internet library, with the purpose of offering permanent access for researchers, historians, and scholars to historical collections that exist in digital format. Founded in 1996 and located in the Presidio of San Francisco, the Archive has been receiving data donations from Alexa Internet and others. In late 1999, the organization started to grow to include more well-rounded collections. Now the Internet Archive includes texts, audio, moving images, and software as well as archived web pages in our collections.

CITIZEN SCIENCE

http://dev.stewardshipcanada.ca/communities/citizenScience/home/csnIndex.asp

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Citizen Science Network, an amalgamation of Wildlife Habitat Canada's Citizen Science Project and the Canadian Community Monitoring Network (CCMN), officially began its work in June 2005. Recognizing the similarities between the desired outcomes and planned activities of the Citizen Science Project and the CCMN, our groups have combined our efforts to create a single entity known as the Citizen Science Network. The result: a coordinated effort to support community-based monitoring in Canada. Note that this is a bilingual (English/French) site.

CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECTS

http://www.citizensci.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

"Citizen Scientists" are people who conduct volunteer scientific research without formal credentials. The data gathered and reported by citizen scientists is used by professional scientists and is typically available to the public. Anyone with an interest can be a citizen scientist; the complexity ranges from making and reporting simple observations with the naked eye to using very high tech

equipment costing thousands of dollars. This weblog points to interesting projects and bits of news related to the work being done by citizen scientists -- and the organizations that support them.

THE UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

http://www.ucsusa.org

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Union of Concerned Scientists is the leading science-based nonprofit working for a healthy environment and a safer world. UCS combines independent scientific research and citizen action to develop innovative, practical solutions and to secure responsible changes in government policy, corporate practices, and consumer choices.

I AM MY OWN REPORTER

http://www.iammyownreporter.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The purpose of The Reporter is to objectively fill some of the gaping hole left by mainstream media coverage of Cuba and Latin America.

REAL TIME SPACE WEATHER

http://www.visi.com/~brainiac/solar/

VIA Don Moman, Lamont, Alberta

I may have sent this around before but this is my favorite solar link, a great all in one link.

COSMIC JOURNEY: A HISTORY OF SCIENTIFIC COSMOLOGY

http://www.aip.org/history/cosmology/

VIA Peter Cheasley, Montreal, Quebec

I became aware of this site, this morning. Initial looking at it reveals how well done it is. The Center for History of Physics has mounted a new Web exhibit that tells with unprecedented depth, accuracy and excitement how scientists have explored the structure of the universe. It offers more than 35,000 words and 380 striking illustrations. It is by far the most complete web exhibit of its kind.

VENTURE DEEP OCEAN

http://venturedeepocean.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site highlights some of the latest discoveries about seafloor volcanoes and vents, and how they create environments for extraordinary life forms.
This website has been put together by the Education & Outreach team of Ridge 2000, a long-term program of scientific research into mid-ocean ridges and related tectonic systems.

COMOX AIR FORCE MUSEUM

http://www.comoxairforcemuseum.ca

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

The museum's mission is to acquire, preserve, protect, display and interpret those artefacts and documents which best serve to celebrate the heritage of the Canadian Air Force on the West Coast, specifically that of 19 Wing and resident Squadrons.

CONCERT VAULT

http://concerts.wolfgangsvault.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

If you're in to rock music and would like to hear some of the classic bands, live in concert, this web page is for you. You simply need to register, and it's free. You get to listen to over 300 concerts. There is a song list and short write-up for each concert as well. You can also tune in to the on-line Vault Radio station, featuring a mix of concert music.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, THE RADIO

SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, and others.

THE ARRL DXCC LIST - JANUARY 2007 EDITION

The official source of DXCC information. This new edition includes a complete listing of DX Century Club rules including the latest changes and clarifications. It includes the current entity list, deleted entities, and recent DXCC Entity additions. Also included: a prefix cross-reference, the list of international call sign series, and much more. Descriptions of all DXCC awards are covered, and information about how to get numerous DXCC items, such as pins and plaques. This is a "must have" for every DXer. January 2007 edition, The American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ISBN: 0-87259-983-3) #9833 - $7.95 Canadian - Now Shipping.

2007 WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK

This respected annual publication includes schedules, frequencies and addresses of international shortwave broadcast stations, includes a frequency listing. It also includes listings of domestic AM, FM and television stations for each country. This 61st edition has 688 pages. Radio HF has a special price for Canadian customers of $40.00 Canadian which includes postage and 6% GST. For orders outside of Canada, please contact Radio HF for a quotation.

Please visit the Radio HF webpage at http://www.radiohf.ca/publications.htm for a complete catalog of all books, publications and CD-Roms available.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

GLOBE OF BLOGS

http://www.globeofblogs.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site is a directory of blogs (web logs) from around the world. Find blogs by their title, topic, author information, or location. You can also register your own blog here.

METRIC CONVERSIONS

http://www.robertbody.com/tools/metric-conversions.html

VIA Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec

Here is an interesting, colorful, easy to use and well designed single Web page displaying all the metric to imperial conversions you will need in everyday life. Miles-per-gallon to litres-per-100km is also included.

ENGRISH.COM

http://www.engrish.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Engrish can be simply defined as the humorous English mistakes that appear in Japanese advertising and product design. Engrish can be found all over the world, but the vast majority of the really funny and creative Engrish is from Japan.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO....?

http://www.weht.net/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Ever Wonder What Happened To Eddie The Eagle? The chick who shot Andy Warhol? That 'Mikey' kid from the Life Cereal commercial? Well you've come to the right place. This is where we track the has-beens, the flash-in-the-pans and those pseudo-celebrities who were all too annoying during their 15 measly minutes

ROBOTNUT

http://www.robotnut.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Welcome to the ultimate archive of Toy Robot images.
As well as Robots, you'll see many great Space Toys of the 60's.
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THE 2007 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. (Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, February 3
Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club Big Event 29 - St. Catharines, Ontario
Location: Merriton Community Centre, 7 Park Avenue, St. Catharines, ON
Vendors 07:00 - Public 09:00 to 13:00
Admission $6.00, Tables $20.00 (includes 1 admission)
Talk-in: VE3NRS 147.240 (+) PL 107.2 Hz
Information: Dave Wilson at 905-262-5588
E-mail: ve3bbn@...
Web Page: http://www.nparc.on.ca

Saturday - February 24
Burlington Spring Fleamarket - Burlington, Ontario
Location: Royal Canadian Legion - 828 Legion Road, Burlington, Ontario
Vendors 07:00, Public 09:00 - 12:00. Admission $6.00 Tables $10.00
Talk-in VE3RSB 147.210 (+) PL 131.8 Hz
Information and Table reservations: Ken Robinson, VE3WN at 905-637-0772.
E-Mail: ve3wn@...
Web page: http://www.barc.ca

Saturday March 3
U.M.S. Amateur Club Hamfest Montreal, Quebec
Location: Centre Roussin, 12125 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Quebec
Vendors 7 am; Public 9 am
Admission $5.00; Tables $10.00
Talk-in: 146.700 (-)
Information & Table Reservations: Telephone 514-640-8846; E-mail: hamfest@...
Web page: http://www.ve2ums.ca/
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Saturday March 31
Laval-Laurentides Club Hamfest Laval, Quebec
Location: Polyvalente Georges-Vanier, 3995 boul. Lévesque Est., Laval, Quebec
Vendors 7 am; Public 9 am
Information and reservations: (514) 708-8033
E-mail: hamfest2007@...
Web page: http://www.ve2crl.qc.ca
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, and radio broadcasts that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

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http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, soon to enter its 20th year on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

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http://www.rcinet.ca

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